

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of regulating user interface controls, the method comprising:

receiving a user identity for a user;

accessing a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;

automatically associating a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and

automatically providing a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar,

wherein automatically providing the set of user interface controls
comprises changing an existing collection of user interface controls,

wherein changing a collection comprises removing a user interface
control.

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises displaying the set as a bank of controls.

3. (cancelled).

4. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface controls include a button.

5. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface controls include a pull-down menu control.

6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended): The method of claim 6, A method of regulating user interface controls, the method comprising:

receiving a user identity for a user;

accessing a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;

automatically associating a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and
automatically providing a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar,

wherein automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises changing an existing collection of user interface controls,

wherein changing a collection comprises adding a user interface control.

8. (cancelled).

9. (currently amended). The method of claim 61, wherein changing a collection comprises changing an existing control into a different control.

10. (original): The method of claim 9, wherein changing an existing control comprises eliminating or adding menu choices provided by a pull-down menu control.

11. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the groupings comprise groupings based on user maturity.

12. (original): The method of claim 11, wherein the groupings based on user maturity include a kids grouping.

13. (original): The method of claim 11, wherein the groupings based on user maturity include a teenagers grouping.

14. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the groupings correspond to access levels to network service provider services.

15. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the network service provider services comprise e-mail.

16. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the network service provider services comprise network browsing.

17. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the network service provider services comprise chat sessions.

18. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein associating the grouping comprises determining the grouping based on the received user identity.

19. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a user identity comprises receiving the user identity via a network connection.

20-23. (cancelled).

24. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the groupings comprise groupings based on user characteristics.

25. (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein user characteristics comprise age.

26. (previously presented): The method of claim 24, wherein the grouping corresponds to services that the user is permitted to access.

27. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises receiving information from a remote site describing the set.

28. (cancelled).

29. (currently amended): A computer program, residing on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

receive a user identity for a user;

access a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;

automatically associate a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and

automatically provide a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar,

wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions for causing a computer to change an existing collection of user interface controls.

wherein the instructions for causing the computer to change an existing collection comprise instructions for causing the computer to remove a user interface control from the existing collection.

30. (original): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions for causing the computer to provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions for causing the computer to display the set as a bank of controls.

31. (cancelled).

32. (original): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the user interface controls include a button.

33. (original): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the user interface controls include a pull-down menu control.

34. (cancelled).

35. (currently amended): The computer program of claim 34, A computer program, residing on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

receive a user identity for a user;

access a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;

automatically associate a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and

automatically provide a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar,

wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions for causing a computer to change an existing collection of user interface controls,

wherein the instructions for causing the computer to change an existing collection comprise instructions for causing the computer to add a user interface control.

36. (cancelled).

37. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 3429, wherein the instructions for causing the computer to change an existing collection comprise instructions for causing the computer to change an existing control into a different control.

38. (original): The computer program of claim 37, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to change the existing control comprise instructions that cause the computer to eliminate or add menu choices provided by a pull-down menu control.

39. (original): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the groupings comprise groupings based on user maturity.

40. (original): The computer program of claim 39, wherein the groupings based on user maturity include a kids grouping.

41. (original): The computer program of claim 39, wherein the groupings based on user maturity include a teenagers grouping.

42. (original): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the groupings correspond to access levels granted to network service provider services.

43. (original): The computer program of claim 42, wherein the network service provider services comprise e-mail.

44. (original): The computer program of claim 42, wherein the network service provider services comprise network browsing.

45. (original): The computer program of claim 42, wherein the network service provider services comprise chat sessions.

46. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically associate the grouping comprise instructions for causing the computer to automatically determine the grouping based on the received user identity.

47. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions for causing a computer to receive a user identity comprise instructions for causing a computer to receive the user identity via a network connection.

48-51. (cancelled).

52. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the groupings comprise groupings based on user characteristics.

53. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 52, wherein user characteristics comprise age.

54. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 52, wherein the grouping corresponds to services that the user is permitted to access.

55. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions that cause the computer to transmit information to a remote site describing the set of controls.

56. (previously presented): The method of claim 11, wherein user maturity includes age.

57. (previously presented): The computer program of claim 39, wherein user maturity includes age.

58. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein automatically associating a grouping with the user identity comprises automatically associating a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

59. (previously presented): The method of claim 28, wherein automatically associating a grouping with a user identity comprises automatically associating a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

60. (previously presented): The method of claim 29, wherein instructions for causing a computer to automatically associate a grouping with the user identity comprises the associating of a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

61-78. (cancelled).